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April 26, 2004

The Honorable Bruce F. Duke  
Executive Director  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for  
an Intrastate Universal Service Fund  
Docket No. 1997-239-C**

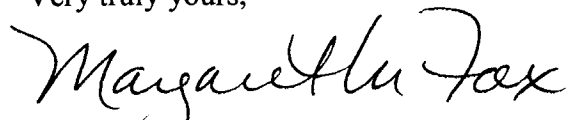
Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed for filing please find the Revised Responses of Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc., Hargray Telephone Company, Inc., Home Telephone Company, Inc., Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and PBT Telecom to the Interrogatories of the South Carolina Cable Television Association (First Set) in the above-referenced matter. A copy of this filing is being electronically mailed to all parties of record.

Please clock in a copy of the revised responses and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosure

cc: Frank R. Ellerbe *via U. S. Mail and electronic mail*  
Parties of Record *via electronic mail*

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C**

In Re: )  
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Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an )  
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**REVISED RESPONSES OF BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., HARGRAY  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., HORRY  
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., AND PBT TELECOM TO INTERROGATORIES  
OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CABLE TELEVISION ASSOCIATION**

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc., Hargray Telephone Company, Inc., Home Telephone Company, Inc., Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and PBT Telecom (the “Companies”), submit the following information to the Interrogatories of the South Carolina Cable Television Association (“SCCTA”) served on January 12, 2004 (First Set).

These revised responses are provided subject to and without waiving the objections made by the Companies in their original response provided on January 22, 2004. The tables that are being updated were not designated proprietary and, therefore, are being filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

## **REVISED RESPONSES**

### **INTERROGATORY NO. 2**

For each company which has filed updated embedded cost studies in support of its application for additional USF funding provide the following information:

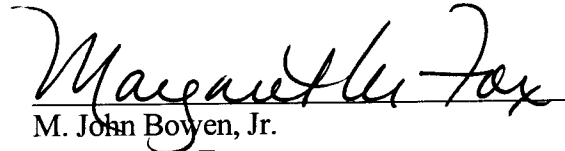
- a) the total amount of additional capital investment you have made since 1997;
- b) expenditures for each year since 1997, by USOA account, which were made to upgrade the network of the company;
- c) whether the company or any of its affiliates provide broadband service; and,
- d) whether the company or any of its affiliates provide cable television services or services similar to cable television services such as “digital entertainment services.”

### **RESPONSE:**

(a) and (b): See attached revised spreadsheets. After providing the original responses, Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (“Bluffton”) discovered that there was an error on Schedule V of its 2000 PSC Annual Report. The error affected Bluffton’s calculation for 2000 Plant Additions and, consequently, its Total Additional Capital Investment for the period Year End 1997 through Year End 2002. We are providing replacements for the two spreadsheets previously provided in Response to Interrogatories 2(a) and 2(b) with those corrected amounts for Bluffton. In addition, we have clarified that the amounts given in response to Interrogatory No. 2(a) reflect total additional capital investment for the period from Year End 1997 through Year End 2002. For most companies, Year End is December 31; however, for Bluffton and Hargray, Year End means September 30, which is the end of their fiscal year.

Substantive responses provided by Emmanuel Staurulakis, President, John Staurulakis, Inc., Seabrook, Maryland. All objections to the foregoing interrogatories were provided by the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret M. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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TELECOM

Columbia, South Carolina

**COE and CWF 1997- 2002**  
**Response to Interrogatory No. 2, Question (a), of the SCCTA Dated January 12, 2004**  
**Docket No. 97-239-C**

YE 1997 - YE 2002 Total Additional  
Capital Investment

Home Telephone Company, Inc.

A/C 2001 Total Telecommunications Plant in Service	\$33,202,802.00
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PBT Telecom, Inc.

A/C 2001 Total Telecommunications Plant in Service	\$21,439,918.13
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Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.\*

A/C 2001 Total Telecommunications Plant in Service	\$25,435,676.00
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Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.\*

A/C 2001 Total Telecommunications Plant in Service	\$67,439,068.00
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Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

A/C 2001 Total Telecommunications Plant in Service	\$153,256,891.00
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\*Year End is for Fiscal Year End September 30.

**COE and CWF 1997- 2002**  
**Response to Interrogatory No. 2, Question (b), of the SCCTA Dated January 12, 2004**  
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	1997 Plant Additions	1998 Plant Additions	1999 Plant Additions	2000 Plant Additions	2001 Plant Additions	2002 Plant Additions
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Source: Applicable Schedules from the Annual Report to The Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Home Telephone Company, Inc.

A/C 2210	\$500,413	\$1,377,910	\$1,732,809	\$828,265	\$1,589,812	\$951,294
A/C 2230	148,917	1,167,739	557,406	650,446	1,532,101	1,336,477
A/C 2410	1,533,453	2,698,620	1,456,607	2,052,388	2,140,343	2,549,776

PBT Telecom, Inc.

A/C 2210	\$1,004,339	\$173,556	\$298,061	\$439,017	\$626,409	\$126,258
A/C 2230	87,295	\$24,790	489,504	1,720,330	690,266	1,009,033
A/C 2410	1,123,964	\$8,237	1,418,847	1,178,881	1,454,499	1,672,462

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.\*

A/C 2210	\$0	\$2,041,424	\$44,761	\$36,973	\$70,345	\$19,825
A/C 2230	2,366,658	710,831	784,987	1,036,760	822,273	2,748,750
A/C 2410	3,368,701	2,489,560	3,734,470	\$598,098	3,975,086	3,008,330

Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.\*

A/C 2210	\$1,831,616	\$1,760,545	\$1,273,070	\$4,768,957	\$971,466	\$2,165,580
A/C 2230	1,264,277	2,483,673	1,824,854	3,375,643	1,783,666	2,715,596
A/C 2410	3,920,347	4,253,247	5,821,652	1,552,471	7,151,439	7,508,877

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

A/C 2210	\$10,193,486	\$2,315,177	\$8,023,195	\$8,007,459	\$659,530	\$4,097,645
A/C 2230	0	4,405,999	1,675,574	11,692,258	12,610,629	4,384,977
A/C 2410	3,771,344	15,835,655	15,680,814	19,261,173	12,617,259	6,877,146